

AMERICORPS FUNDING AVAILABLE

The Utah Commission on Volunteers and the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) announce the availability of federal funds to support new Utah AmeriCorps programs for the year 2005.

Funding is available on a competitive basis to all community-based organizations, units of government, Native American tribes, nonprofit agencies, faith-based and educational institutions. Proposals must utilize AmeriCorps to address the most critical environmental, education, public safety, homeland security or other human service needs in Utah's communities. **Programs that are awarded funding will begin on January 1, 2005.** The Commission will consider requests for grants of 4 to 8 members and up to \$64,000; applicant organization must provide required matching funds.

All applicants must first attend one mandatory technical assistance meeting in order to become eligible to apply. Five meetings will be held throughout Utah between June 29-August 16, 2004. For information regarding technical assistance meetings, please contact the Utah Commission on Volunteers at 1-888-755-UTAH (8824).

Technical Assistance Meeting Dates:

June 29, 2004 9:00 a.m.– 11:00	Moab Civic Senior Center 450 E 100 N, Moab
July 1, 2004 2:00 p.m. – 4:00	Weber County Library 2464 Jefferson Ogden
July 9, 2004 1:00 p.m. – 3:00	Utah State Library for the Blind and Disabled 250 N 1950 W Salt Lake City
July 20, 2004 9:00 a.m.- 11:00	Five County Association of Governments 1070 W 1600 South, Bldg. B St. George
August 16, 2004 1:00 p.m. – 3:00	Salt Lake County 2001 South State Street Room S-3009 (South Building, 3 rd floor)

For more information about AmeriCorps and the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) go to www.americorps.org. For more information regarding technical assistance meetings, please contact the Utah Commission on Volunteers at 1-888-755-UTAH (8824), visit www.volunteers.utah.gov , or e-mail Leann PoVey Jackson at leannpj@utah.gov .

Deadline for applications is 4 p.m. September 20, 2004



Overall Suggestions based on previous AmeriCorps Applications



- The primary focus of AmeriCorps is AmeriCorps. Even though members support the applicants' agency mission and goals, the program must always maintain the separate identity and philosophy of AmeriCorps.
- Applications should *never* refer to AmeriCorps members as staff, employees or workers. They are always to be referred to as AmeriCorps *members*.
- We fund programs which address critical, specific, identified community needs.
- Applications should address all criteria with detail as to how activities will be carried out. Do not only report on *what* you will do, report on *how* you will do it. Be specific.
- Each application should clearly articulate the need for the AmeriCorps program. Define the objectives you have set to meet that need, the activities that make up the objectives and the overall impact these objectives will have in the community.
- Follow the application guidelines for spacing and font. Clearly label any section headings and subheadings.
- Do not include attachments. All important information should be included in the corresponding narrative section.
- Remember that AmeriCorps is one word and has a capital 'C' in it.
- Remember that AmeriCorps is a team-based service program, with the expectation that members come together on a regular basis for member training, in-service and activities.
- Be sure applications address how training will be provided to promote effective citizenship as outlined in the guidelines.
- Be sure member supervision is adequately addressed. Members should be supervised on a regular basis by an identified person.
- Future program sustainability should be addressed. Applications should be specific in their plan and vision to continue the program beyond AmeriCorps.